

I wish to go on record as stating that satellite based radio stations SHOULD be allowed to offer localized reportage including but not limited to traffic, weather, news, and sports content. I strongly believe in a freely competitive marketplace where the consumers' dollars will determine the future of media offerings.

This issue is not dissimilar to that of opening both the local and long distance telephone markets to competition where the owners of the equipment were allowed to recover their legitimate costs in allowing such competition but beyond that had to offer value added options to attract their customers on a basis other than solely price.

Thanks for your attention,

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